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LANGUAGE PROCESSING

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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed January 7, 2002, please
consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced
application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-41 remain in the application.

Section 103 rejections

Claims 1-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as
allegedly being unpatentable over the Friedman et al. reference,
hereinafter "Friedman") in view of Caid et al. (US 5,619,709,
hereinafter "Caid").

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